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SUBJECT: REACTION TO DEATH OF NAWAB BUGTI SHIFTS FROM  
MILITARY TRIUMPH TO MARTYRDOM

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[1](#)1. (C) SUMMARY: From Sunday's "'we've got him'" triumphalism, the government's position on the death of Nawab Akbar Khan Bugti has evolved  
END SUMMARY.

[1](#)2. (C) The government's triumphant announcement Sunday of the death of Nawab Akbar Khan Bugti, sardar of Balochistan's Bugti tribe and leader

[1](#)3. (SBU) The new spin on Nawab Bugti's death was driven largely by reactions from Pakistan's political class. All opposition parties condemn

[1](#)4. (SBU) Some in the governing coalition have distanced themselves from the incident. The Muttahida Quami Movement (MQM) characterized the  
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[1](#)5. (SBU) Politicians of all stripes are distraught by the scenario of one of their own -- a former provincial chief minister and national member

[1](#)6. (C) Comment: The evolving hagiography in some press accounts portray Nawab Bugti as one of the last bulwarks against the Talibanization  
post's contacts say that opposition parties debating the no confidence motion against PM Shaukat Aziz in the National Assembly today are bru

[1](#)7. (U) Consulate staff in Lahore and Karachi contributed to this cable.  
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